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In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows, and that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A petition for a one-month extension of time for response is submitted with this paper.

Also, an excerpt from Antonini et al., "Thermal treatment of industrial waste" (Lavoisier 1995), in French, with its partial translation, are attached to this paper.